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A copy of the translated JP 02000023696 is provided herein. Also provided is an attached PTO-892.

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DETAILED ACTION

The Board noted that JP 02000023696 was not translated.

JP 02000023696 has an English language equivalent which is CA 2269109 which is filed herewith. It is noted that what was considered to be pertinent is found on page 3, bottom of the CA reference.

A copy of the reference is being furnished to the applicant.

This case is now being forwarded to the board of appeals.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Meller whose telephone number is 571-272-0967. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday: 9:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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